

CURSED BY HIS FORTUNE

A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD ORPHAN DECLARED A DRUNKARD

Lured into Bad Company, Robbed, and De-
graded—Proceedings by the Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
A sheriff's jury, composed of 25 men, met

utable citizens, declared yesterday without a dissenting voice Henry A. Henken, a boy of sixteen years, to be incapable of taking care of himself and his property, because of his being

set on foot primarily by Napoleon Lebrun, an architect connected with the Department of Buildings, who, on the 20th of August, visited the house at 58 Barrow street to examine the

its stability, and found its owner, young Henken, in a terrible condition, unable through drunkenness to comprehend anything.

Henken was removed to the German Hospital. Mr. Monell, the counsel for the society, then petitioned Judge Robinson of the Common Pleas to appoint a commission to see whether

report measures for the protection of the
lad's property. The statute requires that such
a commission shall be composed of a lawyer, a
gentleman, and a physician; and Judge Robin-
son, in granting Mr. Monell's request, appointed
Judge E. C. Corbin, Messrs. Beach, and

Younger Henken's father, who had been a grocer and liquor dealer, died three years ago, leaving a substantial estate to his sons, including the

his widow and only son. Last April the mother died without making a will, and, without any legal steps being taken, the boy assumed control of his property, valued at about \$30,000, collected the income there of, and squandered it in dissipation. Before his mother's death he was

to his neighbors swore, ordinarily of decent morals, drinking no more than most of the young Germans of his acquaintance. He bore a reputation, indeed, of some worth. After his mother died he fell under the influence of a woman named Kate Cooney, aged thirty years.

young Henken became an inveterate drinker. Patrick McGoyne, Henry Kuyteler, and others swore that they had seen the woman purchasing liquor at all hours of the day and night, which

during the past few months they had frequently found Henken intoxicated and delirious, and had taken him from the sidewalk to his house, sometimes long after midnight; and the liquor dealers acknowledged that they had sold much liquor to the woman and the boy.

Mr. Lebrun testified that on his first visit to 58 Barrow street he found young Henken in a condition alternately stupid and delirious. Upon endeavoring to converse with him, the boy aroused himself somewhat and complained of being ill and wretched, and the woman Cooney

and that she had given him three drinks of gin that morning. She and another woman, colored, both bearing bad reputations, were living in the same room with the boy, and were regulating his financial disbursements.

delirium, and even now they scarcely hope for his recovery. He was suffering with acute delirium tremens and an enlargement of the liver, induced by an excessive use of alcohol. The delirium has passed away, but the boy is much emaciated, his eyes are dull, and he seldom

Dr. Karl Zandt of the hospital testified yesterday that the maladies under which the boy suffered could not have been produced by anything less than a prolonged course of excessive dislocation, and could not have followed a

short carouse, which last was a point which the boy's counsel, Mr. Henry, wished to establish. Mr. Henry was appointed by Judge Robinson to protect Henken's interests, and he wished to save his client from the stigma of being declared a habitual drunkard maintaining that all good

results, in the way of protecting the boy and his property, might be obtained by the ordinary practice of the Surrogate's Court. But Mr. Monell's society was unwilling to go before the Surrogate, for the reason that Henken, being over fourteen, would have to choose his own

Mr. Jenkins, the superintendent of the society, presented a schedule of such property as he found belonging to the boy. It included a four-

\$9,000; a three-story frame building at 56 Barrow street, valued at \$8,000; two frame houses in Hoboken, valued at \$8,800; two vacant lots in Hoboken, valued at \$800; a \$1,000 policy of insurance upon the late Mrs. Henken's life; \$1,014.06 in cash; \$100 in bonds; \$100 in stocks; \$100 in real estate; \$100 in personal property; \$100 in other assets; \$100 in other liabilities; \$100 in other items.

Mr. Jenkins learned, moreover, that the boy had distributed much property among his disreputable companions, and succeeded in tracing a tin box, which was believed to contain valuable papers, to the possession of a man in the

The jury's verdict was that Henken was utterly unfit, because of habitual drunkenness, to be intrusted with the control of property, and they recommended that he be placed under the

The fees due to the jury for their attendance amounted to \$105, chargeable upon Henken's estate, and this claim they assigned to Mr. Wright, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Taking Up their Wives' Quarrels.
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 9.—Mrs. Mike Welsh and Mrs. Tom Moran, wives of two laboring men living on South Mainstreet, near the Iron Mountain Railroad depot.

To-night, after their husbands came home, the quarrel was taken up by them, and after some words Moraw stabbed Welsh in the neck and left side, causing his death almost instantly.

Mrs. Maria Graston, of Osgood avenue, Clifton, Staten Island, committed suicide on Wednesday night by shooting herself with a pistol, the muzzle of which she placed in her mouth. The ball passed out at the

keeping house for her brother-in-law, Robert W. Proctor, and having lost her husband and son at sea, had grown very melancholy.

Weather Office Prediction.
Increasing cloudiness and calm, with south-

west to northwest winds, increasing in force, with falling barometer, followed by rising barometer and decidedly lower temperature.

Mr. George M. Creed won the Rod and Rifle Association gold badge in the Jamaica shoot, scoring 69 out of a possible 75.

Miss Florence Tilton has resigned her position as a public school teacher in Brooklyn.

Patrick Doyle, of 58 Franklin avenue, in a drunken fit threw his wife out of the second floor window.

Celeste Wade, aged 2 years, of 280 Division avenue, Brooklyn, fell from the third floor window of her parents' residence, yesterday, and was fatally injured.

The Rev. Geo. B. Porteous, M. D., who resides at 1000 Broadway, New York, is president of the company.

church. However, because the congregation could not pay him his salary, it is to be recalled to the same pulpit, a number of his church members having formed a financial organization by which \$100 a week is to be raised.

The Mutuals defeated the Philadelphians in Philadelphia yesterday - 5 to 4.

The treasurer of the Bismarck fund in Chicago has disappeared with \$1,000 of the society's funds. Daniel McLaren, late President of the Cincinnati

Thomas Card, aged 100 years, of Dover Point, N. H., died on Wednesday night. He was probably the oldest man in the State.

A train on the Fitchburg road on Wednesday

Thomas McCarty, a stranger, was found dead in his bed in the Matson House in Chicago yesterday morning. He took an overdose of Laudanum, probably with suicidal intent.

W. A. Cunningham & Co., flour and grain dealers of Baltimore, have suspended. Their liabilities are believed not to exceed \$50,000. The embarrassment of the firm is said to be owing to speculations in corn.

A severe rain storm in the southern part of Wisconsin on Wednesday night did great damage, several of the cities in the North-western and West-
